

## KLAN WORKS IN BIG QUARRY AS KLAVERN

Reporter Gets Close-Up of New Jersey Ku Klux at Weird Rites.

## GIANT CROSS BLAZES

Autos Follow Flour Trail to Point Where Hooded Men Command Halt.

## ADVICE OLD TO 'JINERS'

Quick Search Meets Report of 'Alien' Foot Set in Simmons's Empire.

Peaceful penetration of the veil of mystery which surrounds, usually, the workings of the Invisible Empire, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan has afforded a reporter a closeup of the weird ceremonies of that organization which, in spite of exposures, evidently has grown to substantial proportions in New Jersey.

In the ideal setting of an abandoned quarry in the Murray Hill section of New Providence, not far from Summit, with a full moon shining over the rim of the "klavern," nearly 200 men, mostly young in years, took the obligations of "naturalization," while figures robed in white, and others wearing handkerchiefs below their eyes in lieu of the conical shaped headpieces of the Klansmen, stood near by and assisted in the ritualistic ceremonies.

Up to the late hour assigned for starting the exercises, automobiles and buses, laden with men from northern New Jersey, had traveled the roads marked by flour spilled for guidance to a dirt road near the rendezvous. Here men with white hands on their arms, carrying flashlights, challenged travelers, and only those with the countersign or escorted as newspapermen by high officials were permitted to pass.

## About 800 Persons Assembled.

A 300 acre farm, the estate of Benjamin Robinson, not far from the quarry, was the parking space for the cars. The candidates, closely guarded by the "police" of the order, awaited the summons to enter the portals of the klavern. Sheer walls, sixty feet high, opening at one end for admittance of the party, were guarded by scores of men with flashlights on the summit to prevent a surprise by enemies of the "100 per cent. Americans," who elected to hide their patriotic selves under enfolding robes of white, as well as the headpieces which guarded their features.

A huge cross thirty feet in height stood in position. Some distance in front of it was an altar, with flag, Bible and other symbols, and to the left was a huge pile of wood awaiting the word to set it ablaze. As midnight approached the candidates were given some outside work, the fields below the quarry resounding from time to time with cries as these ceremonies took place, while reporters, closely guarded, stood posted on slender projections from the quarry walls, awaiting the signal for the main show to start.

Soon a man who disclosed himself as "Kloranic Instructor of the Domain of the East," taking the place of George W. Appar of Hoboken, king kleeagle, who was recuperating from an automobile accident, gave the order to start the proceedings. The white robed figures formed a horseshoe, flanked by the men masked in handkerchiefs, and an appeal was made to conduct the proceedings with dispatch, efficiency and dignity.

## Reproof Given Novices.

A small cross on the altar, lighted with acetylene gas, was set ablaze and the knights listened to an opening prayer and the call for mystic signs were given. As the men went through their paces the presiding officer was displeased by errors of some, evidently novices.

"There seem to be some differences of opinion," he said sternly.

After that the work proceeded more smoothly it seemed to the visitors as the dirt and rocks occasionally shifted under their feet, forcing them to cling to a new perch. "The Terrors" took up the password and then the "Night-hawk" started for the candidates. Katydids sharp, staccato notes broke the silence. Men standing in the damp quarry coughed restlessly and soon an exchange of whistled signals on the mountain side started the cavalcade of "allens" from the world of silence or their route to the empire headed by Col. William Joseph Simmons of Atlanta, Ga.

A cinder keg, which had supplied the only refreshments visible, was tumbled over. The sound of a man crashing down the quarry slope, followed by a half dozen flashlights in the direction of the noise, gave the order to the guards. "There he goes," warned the party of an intruder. The man was met at the foot of the wall and gave the password. Evidently some brother had missed his footing and the members, relieved, turned again to their watchful vigil. The candidates then appeared and were started on a march about the quarry from station to station.

## Familiar Advice Heard.

Officers doled out verbal advice, much of which was familiar to men of the "jiner" type. Lofty ideals, appeals to the lives of the nation, the protection of American liberty and the Constitution, pledges to promote "klanishness" among brothers, support of white supremacy, the Christian faith, assurance that the novices would eschew scandal in their families and a number of other promises familiar to those who followed the recent exposures of the organization were uttered.

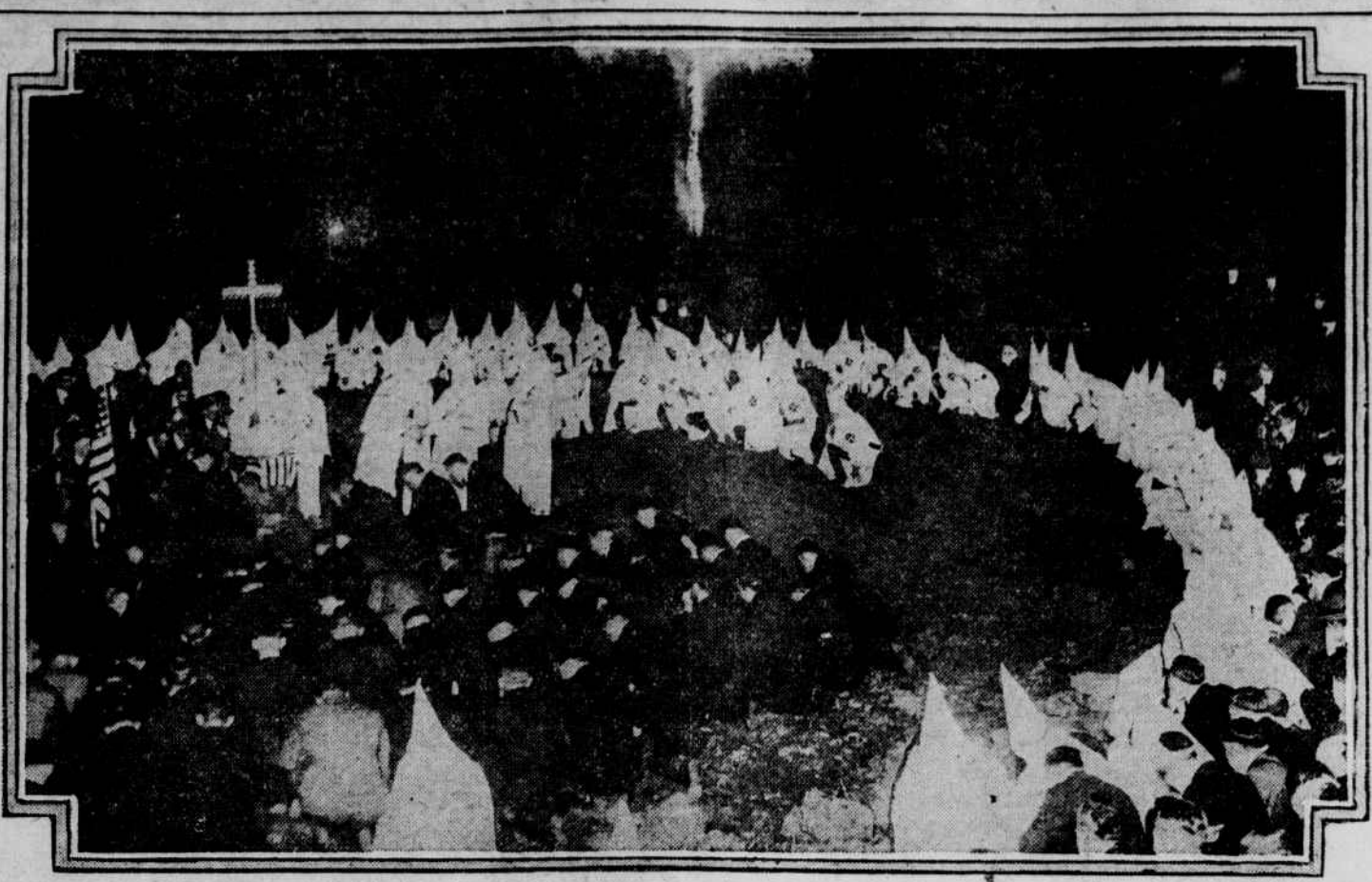
"Got anything on your hip?" was a comment, sotto voce, from some one as a resting period came. But the hip bars, "I never had a drink before prohibition came into effect," confided a brother, who was chafing under the long period of waiting in the dank hole, so close to the stars, which shone trebly.

The exercises continued. One of the leaders solemnly warned the men seeking entrance to the empire that the time had come when any one who chose could withdraw with the good will of the klavern.

"Does any one wish to retire?" demanded some one addressing the group. "Yes," was the startling reply. In a moment half a dozen figures in white darted into the group and singled out the speaker.

"I meant to say no," was the abashed

## Here Are '100 Per Cent. Americans' Enrolling Under Fiery Cross of Col. Simmons



New Jersey Ku Klux being initiated at a midnight ceremonial. The scene is in an abandoned quarry in the Murray Hill section of New Providence, near Summit. Two hundred members of the order were hooded and robed in white, the others concealing their features with handkerchiefs tied below the eyes. The party, including novitiates, numbered about 800 and the focal point was a great "fiery cross" thirty feet high.

reply, and the ceremony was on again. "God give us men!" chanted a clear voice at the easterly end of the klavern, and the poem was recited impressively. Midnight was approaching, and as the novices journeyed from station to station, each with his left hand on the shoulder of the one in front, the strange scene lighted by the huge wood fire was picturesque in the extreme. Down the mountain side families gathered about their library tables evidently were unaware of the rite being enacted so near them. The little hamlet has no police department, so there was no possibility of interruption from the minions of the law.

## Chance From Quarry Top.

"If the A. O. U. ever knew this was 'King on top'! What a fine chance from the top of the quarry!" said a newspaper man in a whisper to his companion. A sharp eyed sentry espied one of the scribes using pencil and paper to jot down notes as a friendly flashlight was leveled his way.

"Cut that out!" was a command from some one below, and the first aid to the memory plan had to terminate right there. There was a curious comfort in obeying commands in a strange land, even if that were usually territory of the good old U. S. A.

As the Sabbath broke clearly after the midnight hour it was quite timely that the Kloranic instructor should quote his Bible. Passages from St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans, Chapter xii., were read and the entire chapter was commended to the initiated study for the speaker said the sentiments clearly express the attitude of the klavern. Happiness and life would be the portion of the faithful Klansmen; unhappiness and death, he solemnly warned, would follow the violator of his pledges.

As the men knelt for the important part of the ritual, when the man at the altar selected two of the party to represent the others, he took water and solemnly rubbed it on the bowed heads of the pair, in a sort of rebaptism, the white enjoining them in measured terms to be faithful to their trust.

The huge cross, covered with oakum and steeped in gasoline, was lighted as the developments reached the stage when it was thought discreet to stop the exposition of the orders' secrets to "alien ears."

The spectacle, so frequently reported in mountain sections of late, was not visible to outsiders as the lighted cross was hidden safely in the quarry shadows. A flashlight, held by photographers, showed the weird picture in full outline. A pledge was given with uplifted hands; the new members were welcomed as their fellows removed their hoods and masks to greet them openly. Warning was given not to reveal to any one they were Klansmen, and with a cheer the ceremony was over.

## FIGHT FOR \$3,000,000 IN 30 YEAR OLD WILL.

Relatives Ask Court to Decide Who Is Its Beneficiary.

Application to George Slater, surrogate of Westchester county, for judicial interpretation of a section of his father's will, involving \$3,000,000, filed thirty years ago, was made to-day by Henry G. Trevor, son of the late John B. Trevor.

The application involves a part of the will by which a trust fund of \$3,000,000 was set aside for the elder Trevor's second wife, Henry G. Trevor, who lived at 46 East Seventy-eighth street, Manhattan, was the son by a former marriage. On the death of his step-mother recently, the trust fund passed to her heirs, including a son, John B. Trevor; a daughter, Miss Emily Trevor, and the two children of another daughter, now dead, Mrs. Mary Trevor Winthrop. According to their interpretation of the will, Henry G. Trevor does not share in this sum.

## FIRM IN CHICAGO BUYS DOZEN BAKERIES HERE

Millions Involved in Shuts Bread Company Sale.

The Shuts Bread Company of 32 Court street, Brooklyn, controlling large wholesale bakeries in the metropolitan district, will pass soon into the control of the United Bakeries Corporation, a Chicago company controlling baker establishments in several cities through the South and West. It was announced yesterday that the Chicago corporation would assume control November 1.

The Shuts Company is capitalized at \$5,000,000. Stockholders, it was said, were offered options of cash or stock and cash for their shares of the holding company, capitalized at \$10,000,000. The controlling interest in the Chicago company is owned by William B. Ward and two brothers. Mr. Ward is a half-brother of George S. Ward, head of the Ward Baking Company.

## SEIZE PARADISE PLUMES.

Bird of paradise feathers valued at \$15,000 excluded by law from this country were seized Friday by customs agents who visited stores in various parts of the city.

Two establishments were in the Fifth avenue shopping district. Five others were in 25th street. The feathers were found in nine of the eleven shops visited.

## GRILLING OF STEVENS GIVES NEW LEAD IN HALL CASE

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and they tried several. Willie reacted quite normally. Several little traps had been prepared for him, but he availed every one of them, with the utmost naturalness. His examination was a distinct disappointment to some of the examiners.

## Family Finds Willie Gone.

Willie had been taken from his home without the family knowing anything about it. He was missed late in the evening, his absence not being noted earlier because a social affair was in progress, strange though that may seem in view of the recent death of Hall. When he was missed the police were telephoned to and great excitement resulted.

Willie was brought back to his home about 3 in the morning, none the worse for his experience, and apparently willing to spend the rest of the night with his questioners. Then when the newspaper men, after a somewhat fruitless chase to Somerville and back, went to the Hall home, they were met by Mrs. Hall's friend, Miss Sallie Peters, who admitted that Willie had been taken away for some time, but had returned. Mrs. Hall, she said, had not been out of the house.

Miss Peters, in the meantime, had telephoned to New York to Mr. Pfeiffer, whom she had brought into the case. Pfeiffer lost no time in saying what he thought of the manner in which Stevens had been examined. He said:

"My interviews with all the prosecutors have been on the point that at any time they wanted to communicate with anybody in the Hall family not only were they entirely at liberty to do so but I would cooperate in getting them at the quickest possible moment and would not ask to be present. 'Although it is nearly three weeks since the murder was committed Detective David went to the back door of the Hall home at 7 o'clock last night and knocked out the house until some time later. Miss Peters telephoned both prosecutors' offices but could get no reply, so notified the local police. 'In questioning Mr. Stevens they used the third degree methods and then stopped just short of force. I have been to the prosecutor's office to protest against such procedure. Mr. Beckman suggested that I put my protest into a written order that it may be made a matter of record. 'I said I hoped similar action would not be taken regarding Mrs. Hall. Mr. Beckman said that they would not use the same tactics with a woman. My impression is that stupidly having fallen flat, they are now resorting to brutal methods. 'During his examination Mr. Stevens was repeatedly called a liar, and there was a considerable amount of profanity in the epithets hurled at him by Mr. Toolan. Mr. Stricker apparently was not present. The questioning was done by Mr. Beckman and Mr. Toolan. 'The detectives had typewritten copies of previous statements made by Mr. Stevens, and they all went over previous answers he had given. They dwelled particularly on the occasion when he accompanied Mrs. Hall to the church on Thursday night. 'They even questioned him as to my connection to the case. They went about like a bunch of Turks with battle axes. If I had any misgivings as to any of the Hall family you can be sure I would not be giving out a statement attacking the prosecutors. 'When the Pfeiffer statement was shown to Beckman he smiled and commented: 'Does this statement look like the cooperation Pfeiffer promised? Willie came voluntarily last night. 'When Beckman was asked whether he had covered the same ground in his own examination of Willie as had been covered in the first he replied: 'I would rather not answer that question. That is what the Halls would like to know.' Both Beckman and Detective David intimated that they had obtained some information of value from Willie, and as to the latter's attitude David said: 'When we took him home, he was almost ready to kiss me. 'The examination of Stevens caused a sensation here, where the townspeople have been demanding more aggressive tactics for some time. Second only in interest was the statement made by Gov. Edwards regarding the case. The Governor said:

"The murder of Mr. Hall and Mrs. Mills must be cleared up. There has been too much time lost solving this mystery. I sent Col. Swartzkopf to New Brunswick to get the murderer and not come back until he did. I want the murderer arrested, whoever it is, and I expected there would be an arrest made yesterday. I was surprised that there was not. 'This murder must be cleared up. The daughter of Mrs. Mills appealed to me for help and the people of that section

sought" her name. They refused further information. No one named Ricketts lives on College avenue, and there is no member of the choir of that name.

Leading up to Goringline's examination was a story of a vague character that has been given to the Prosecutor's office. Certain phases of this story are so improbable that it can hardly be believed and little attention is being paid to it in the office of the authorities.

The story may be given for what it is worth, however, for in this case it has been demonstrated that some improbabilities prove to be truths.

One man was Hall. The party, so the story goes, entered the Phillips farmhouse and soon thereafter there was a commotion inside the house and shots were heard. Then two men came out carrying the third. So frightened were the onlookers that they ran away.

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## JUSTICE TOMPKINS SCORES BRENNAN

Calls Hasty Action in Stillman Suit 'Improper if Not Reprehensible.'

William Rand, counsel for James A. Stillman, banker, appeared before Supreme Court Justice Tompkins in Nyack yesterday and asked that the latter set aside as illegal Justice Morechauer's affirmation of the referee's opinion that denied Stillman a divorce from Mrs. Anne U. Stillman. John E. Mack, guardian ad litem for Guy Stillman, infant son of the litigants, asked Justice Morechauer to confirm once more, for the benefit of the child, Referee Gleason's report in which Stillman's denial of the paternity of Guy is ruled baseless. Justice Morechauer promptly acceded to Mr. Mack's request.

But Justice Tompkins made no immediate decision. He criticized John F. Brennan, chief of counsel for Mrs. Stillman, for having brought the motion to approve of the referee's opinion before Justice Morechauer before the date set for the hearing yesterday in Nyack. The court was of the opinion that Brennan's action was "irregular, improper, if not reprehensible," and that it might have caused some confusion and possibly contempt of court. It was Justice Tompkins' opinion that, had the lawyers for Mrs. Stillman desired to have Justice Morechauer rule upon the motions, they should have asked the permission of Justice Tompkins, inasmuch as notice had been filed in the latter's court that the argument was to have been in Nyack. Brennan rushed the case before Justice Morechauer in White Plains last Wednesday.

Mr. Rand based his request for a reversal of Justice Morechauer upon the very point whereon Justice Tompkins found fault with Mr. Brennan. Justice Tompkins reserved decision.

## CREASY TO DIE DURING WEEK OF NOVEMBER 6

Counsel Still Fights Desperately to Save Lavoey.

William M. Creasy of Fort Thomas, Ky., convicted slayer of Miss Edith Lavoey, Freeport school teacher, was sentenced yesterday by Judge Smith of Nassau county at Minerva to die in the electric chair at Sing Sing prison during the week of November 6. Henry A. Utherhart, counsel for the condemned man, moved for an arrest of judgment first on the ground that the facts stated in the indictment did not constitute a crime and, second, that the guilt of his client was not established beyond reasonable doubt. The motion was denied and Utherhart filed notice of appeal. Creasy was taken immediately to Sing Sing. His attorney served notice of appeal on the prison officials as he was imprisoned in the death house. Miss Lavoey, once the fiancée of Creasy, was murdered on the night of June 23 last.

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## 12,000 Subway Smokers Daily Endanger Public

SMOKING in the subway is prohibited by law, but 12,000 cigars, cigarettes and matches are thrown away each day by subway smokers in the seventeen stations on the Broadway (B. R. T.) subway line from Whitehall street, Manhattan, to Queensboro Plaza, Long Island City.

This figure was reported by an inspector of the Broadway system after checking up these stations in connection with the Fire Prevention Week and Safety Week campaigns. From two and a half to three tons of newspapers are collected daily from the station platforms and cars of the Broadway subway.

## ACCOUNTANTS IN BROKER CASE NOT CERTIFIED

Announcements Mailed Out by New York State Society.

The "certified public accountants" who found Winthrop Smith & Co., blind pool operators, solvent just before the concern failed for \$1,000,000, are not public accountants at all, according to an announcement yesterday by the New York State Society of Certified Public Accountants.

The audit was purported to have been made by the Penn Audit Company, 23 West Thirty-first street, whose letter head as mailed out by Winthrop Smith & Co., bears the line, "Certified Public Accountants." The society said it was impelled to make its announcement because it is particularly concerned in keeping the designation, "Certified Public Accountant," above reproach.

## SUSPENDS ALEXANDER FIRM FROM EXCHANGE

Suspension of the firm of Alexander & Co., 7 Wall street, from membership in the Consolidated Stock Exchange was announced yesterday morning by W. S. Silkworth, president of the exchange. The firm consisted of Quentin Crauford, Paul Alexander and J. J. Morrow, Jr., special partner.

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